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SECTION I (C) SIGNIFICANT ORGANIZATION AND UNIT ACTIVITIES

1. (C) General:

a. 52d Artillery Group units continued to provide artillery support to the major maneuver elements in II CTZ. Organization chart of the Group for the reporting period is as shown in Incl 1.

b. The 3d Battalion, 6th Artillery, 6th Battalion, 14th Artillery, and the 235th and 237th Countermortar Radars, continued support of the 4th Infantry Division in the SAM HOUSTON and FRANCIS MARION AO.

c. The 3d Battalion, 18th Artillery (-) continued support of the 1st Cav Division (AM) in the FERSHING AO. This battalion was detached from the Group on 31 March 1967.

d. Battery B, 3d Battalion, 18th Artillery remained attached to 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery providing support to 1st Brigade, 4th Infantry Division in Adams AO and the 9th WHID (ROK) in B-K MA and PENG MA AO's.

e. The Provisional Battery (105mm towed), 52d Artillery Group provided direct support to the Pleiku Defense Sector. On 10 April 1967 the provisional battery was detached from Hq and Hq Battery, 52d Artillery Group and attached to Hqs, 1st Battalion, 92d Artillery with no change in mission.

f. The 77th FA Detachment continued to provide countermortar radar support to Pleiku Defense Sector.

g. On 26 February 1967 the advance party of the 1st Battalion, 92d Artillery arrived at Pleiku, RVN.

h. On 11 March 1967 the main body of the 1st Battalion, 92d Artillery arrived at Pleiku, RVN.

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1. On 2 April 1967 Battery B, 1st Battalion, 92d Artillery was deployed from Artillery Hill with the mission of GS, 4th Infantry Division Artillery, reinforcing fires of the 4th Battalion, 42d Artillery.

2. On 11 April 1967 Batteries A and C, 1st Battalion, 92d Artillery deployed from Artillery Hill. Battery A was assigned the mission of GS, 4th Infantry Division Artillery, reinforcing the 3d Battalion, 6th Artillery (Prov) (-), while Battery C was assigned the mission of GS 4th Infantry Division Artillery, reinforcing the 6th Battalion, 29th Artillery.

3. During the period 10-14 April 1967 the USARV IG inspected Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 52d Artillery Group and the 3d Battalion, 6th Artillery. The inspection confirmed that the Group was accomplishing its mission in a highly effective manner.

4. Effective 24 April 1967 Battery B, 4th Battalion, 60th Artillery (-) and 1 section of M55s were attached to 52d Artillery Group.

5. During the period 27-28 April 1967 Battery Group C-6-14 (Battery C, 6th Battalion, 14th Artillery and Battery B, 3d Battalion, 6th Artillery) supported the 3d Battalion, 47th Regiment (ARVN) during a search and destroy mission from vic BQ 008008 to vic BQ 018018.

6. Effective 30 April 1967 the 235th FA Radar Detachment was detached from 52d Artillery Group and attached to the 1st Battalion, 40th Artillery. Also 4th Sect, 8/26 (TAB) attached to Group this date.

7. Other minor changes in unit missions are reflected in individual organizational reports.

2. (C) Intelligence:

a. Base Camp Defense. Activities were routine over the reporting period. The addition of the 1st Battalion, 92d Artillery and Battery B, 4th Battalion, 60th Artillery to the base camp strengthened the perimeter defense and reaction capability of the camp. Removal of the M16A1 anti-personnel minefield was completed by the 6th Battalion, 14th Artillery with assistance from 85th BOD. There was no enemy activity in close proximity to the base camp complex.

b. Survey. The Group assisted I FFORCEV Artillery survey officer in the preliminary reconnaissance of the Pleiku area for the execution of current survey operations. In connection with requirements imposed by OPORD 1, I FFORCEV Artillery a quad marker was erected over

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SCP #18 on Artillery Hill. Survey Control Points were established by the 6th Battalion, 14th Artillery in the areas of Plei Djereng, Oasis, Duc Co and Pleiku City. In addition to routine survey requirements in the establishment of battery centers, OIs and OS, survey was performed within the Pleiku Defense Complex to accurately define lodger unit perimeter boundaries.

c. Radar. The three AN/MPQ-4 radars attached to the 52d Artillery Group were operational for a total of 2975 hours and located a total of 9 enemy mortar positions. On 300900H April 1967 the 235th FA Detachment (Radar) was detached and departed for attachment to 1st Battalion, 40th Artillery in I CTZ.

d. Air Observers. The Group and attached units continued to furnish air observers to the 219th Aviation Company for Visual Reconnaissance purposes, furnishing an average of 3 observers per day.

3. (C) Operations and Training Activities:

a. Plans (omitted).

b. Operations:

(1) On 15 April 1967 the mission of the 52d Artillery Group was further defined as "General Support of US/ARVN/FMAAF in II CTZ, Reinforcing 4th Division Artillery". Units attached to the 52d Artillery Group were relieved of their OPCON status to the 4th Infantry Division and assigned appropriate artillery missions which would enhance support for the maneuver forces.

(2) During the period the 105mm Battery (Prov) fired 917 HE, 162 WP, 81 Illum, and 13 Smoke rounds in support of Pleiku Defense Sector, 4th Infantry Division and ARVN forces.

c. Training:

(1) During this reporting period the Group training directive was revised to outline procedures for Replacement Orientation and Training as required in C1 to USARV Reg 350-1, dated 3 March 1967.

(2) Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 52d Artillery Group conducted 13 days of training during the period. Emphasis was placed on Weapons Familiarization, Replacement Orientation, Code of Conduct, Escape and Evasion and Command Information.

d. Chemical (omitted).

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- e. PSYWAR (omitted).
- 4. Logistics (omitted).
- 5. Civil Affairs (omitted).
- 6. Personnel (omitted).

SECTION 2 (C) COMMANDER'S OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Part I, Observations (Lessons Learned)

- 1. Personnel (omitted).
- 2. Operations (omitted).
- 3. Training and Organization (omitted).
- 4. Intelligence (omitted).
- 5. Logistics:

a. Item: Equipment Improvement Recommendation Replies.

Observation: Frequently replies to EIR's fail to contain a practical solution to the problem presented.

Discussion: EIR's presenting problems have been submitted by this command. Frequently, the reply contains a solution not suitable for field conditions in Vietnam. Examples are: (1) USAFEC Case Number 4701-0000-01 stated that generator valves should be ground. (2) USATAC Case Number C296050102 stated that self-propelled artillery weapons should have their radiators steam cleaned. When an EIR is submitted for which a practical solution is not known, the information and problem should be passed to the appropriate technical assistance team already in country.

b. Item: Excess Repair Parts On Hand.

Observation: Organizational Prescribed Load Lists (PLL) contain many parts for which no demand exists.

Discussion: USARV Reg 750-11 requires that PLL's be established using appropriate supply manuals for a 15 day stockage level and, further, that quantities may not be reduced below stated levels without USARV approval. Elimination of the requirement for USARV approval when

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reducing stockage levels based upon demand data will increase flexibility and return unneeded parts to the supply system. After twelve review periods within the command, PLL's should be solely demand supported.

Part II, Recommendations

1. Personnel (omitted).
2. Operations (omitted).
3. Organization and Training (omitted).
4. Intelligence (omitted).
5. (U) Logistics:

a. With reference to Part I, Section 2, para 5a, that when an EIR is submitted for which a practical solution is not known, the information be forwarded to the appropriate technical assistance team already in country.

b. With reference to Part I, Section 2, para 5b, that after 12 review periods within the command, PLL's be based solely on demand.

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HEADQUARTERS, I FIELD FORCE VIETNAM ARTILLERY, APO 96350 9 May 1967

TO: Commanding General, I Field Force Vietnam, ATTN: AVFA-GC-OT,
APO 96350

1. Concur in the observations contained in the basic communication.
2. Part II para 5a: Concur with the concept of the action by an in-country technical assistance team to provide a recommended solution. However, a recommendation that an in-country review board for EIR, is considered more appropriate to obtain immediate action and a more applicable solution for this theatre of operation.

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HEADQUARTERS, I FIELD FORCE VIETNAM, APO 96350

TO: Commanding General, United States Army Vietnam, APO 96307


1. (U) This headquarters has reviewed the contents of the 52d Artillery Group operational report for the quarterly period ending 30 April 1967, and the preceding indorsement with the following comments.

2. (C) Reference Section II, Part II - Recommendations:

a. Reference paragraph 5a - Logistics: Concur: When information is received in reply to an EIR for which a practical solution is not given, the problem should be presented to the supporting field maintenance activity to explore all avenues to find a practical solution. This would include contacting the appropriate technical assistance team in-country.

b. Reference paragraph 5b - Logistics: Concur. Recommend that USARV Regulation 750-11, dated 7 December 1966 be changed to require only demand supported items be stocked by units after a 12 month review period. All items would be considered "as required" and stocked only upon meeting the three demands in 180 day stockage criteria. USARV Regulation 711-2, dated 18 November 1966, subject: Stockage of Aircraft Repair Parts, was changed by USARV message (U), 23949, DTG 161013Z April 1967, subject: Change to USARV Regulation 711-2, dated 28 November 1966 which stated the "as required" criteria would be used for stocking aircraft repair parts at unit level.

FOR THE COMMANDER:


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HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES ARMY VIETNAM, APO San Francisco 96307 24 JUN 1967

TO: Commander in Chief, United States Army, Pacific, ATTN: GPOP-OT,
APO 96558

1. This headquarters has reviewed the Operation Report-Lessons Learned for the period ending 30 April 1967 from Headquarters, 52d Artillery Group as indorsed.

2. Pertinent comments follow:

a. Reference item concerning equipment improvement recommendation, page 5: Concur. This headquarters will establish procedures to improve the monitorship of EIR's received from all USARV units. When appropriate, in-country technical assistance representatives will be tasked to add validity and meaning to recommendations made by reporting activities. This headquarters is aware of the need for upgrading EIR solutions received from commodity commands and action is being taken to achieve this goal.

b. Reference item concerning excess repair parts on hand, page 5: Non-concur. AR 735-35 requires approval of major commander prior to deletion except for "as required" items. Requests for deletion should continue to be submitted to this headquarters for review in accordance with paragraph 9d(1) USARV Regulation 750-11.

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HQ, US ARMY, PACIFIC, APO San Francisco 96558 3

TO: Assistant Chief of Staff for Force Development, Department of the
Army, Washington, D. C. 20310

1. (U) This headquarters has reviewed subject report and concurs
in the report as indorsed.

2. (C) The 52d Arty Gp has made a valid observation concerning
excess repair parts on hand and their recommendation for correction has
merit. It is in line with the latest thinking in DA message 822620,
DTG 072024Z July 1967, subject: Administrative Changes to Supply
Policies and Procedures in AR 735-35 and AR 711-16. Implementation of
this DA message will correct this situation and allow turn-in, to the
Direct Support Unit, of Excess PLL items which are not demand supported.

FOR THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF:


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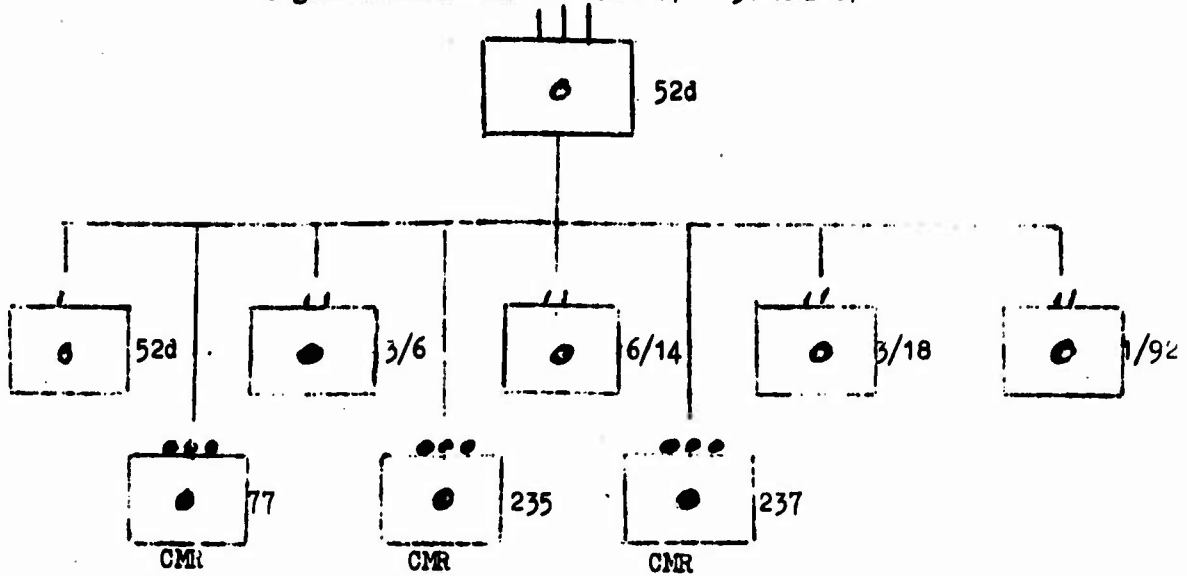
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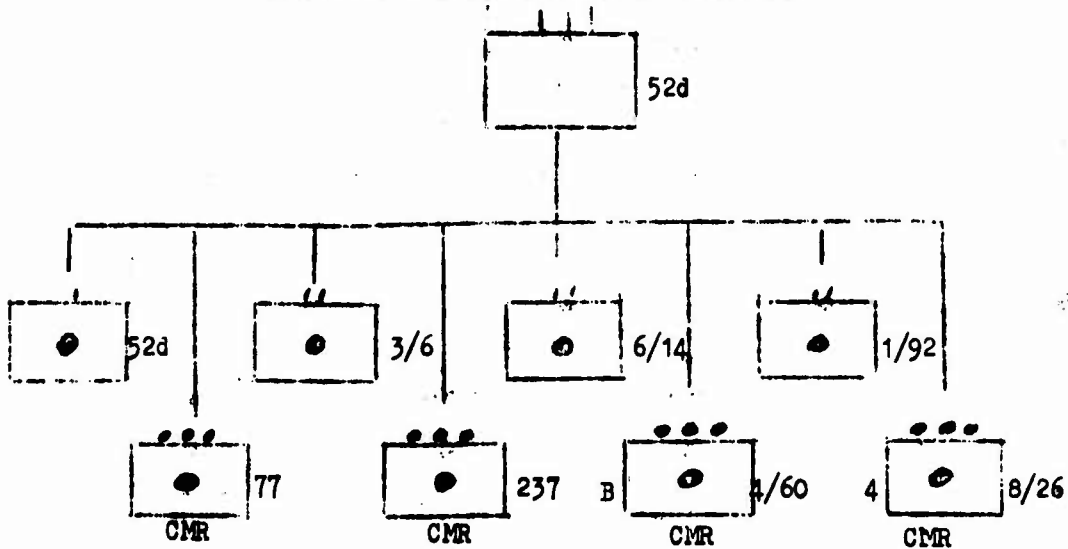
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